



October 20, 2019
Nineteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

PRELUDE

"Blessed Be the Name"

Ralph Hudson/arr. John Innes

Linda Vollweiler, Organist

(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"

Geoffrey O'Hara

Jean Matheny, vocalist; Linda Vollweiler, piano

(While the Holy Land travelers come forward, please watch the screen for photos from the trip.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 119, Jeremiah 31)**

Gary Eller

How beautiful is the word of the Lord!

How wise are God's commandments!

Through the Lord's precepts, we gain understanding.

Through God's wisdom, we find truth.

The Lord is our God; we are God's people.

God's word lives within us,

for it is written on our hearts.

Great Teacher, lead us and guide us! Come let us worship the Living Word!

***HYMN**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From the least of us to the greatest, Lord, we want to know you;

we yearn to follow where you lead us; we need your guidance.

But even as we listen for your direction, other voices compete for our attention with teachings that suit our desires.

Our thoughts drift so far from your truth that fables and fancies begin to seem real.

Holy One, open our hearts and minds.

By your Spirit, convince, rebuke, and encourage us as only you can; teach, correct, and inspire us in the ways of your salvation.

SILENT CONFESSION

Questions to contemplate: What have I done to live my faith and help pass it on to future generations? When have I failed to do that?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When we cry out,

God helps us without delay!

Do not lose heart,

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For the Lord forgives our iniquity!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God!”

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*PEACE OF CHRIST *(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)*

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please pass the Friendship Pads and sign in to let us know you were here this morning.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Greg Allen-Pickett

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As we read your Holy Word, may we see the clear call that you have placed on us to serve you, O God, by serving others:

the poor, the needy, the least, the lost, and the lonely.

Help us hear anew your Word that we may become more faithful stewards of the gifts you give us each day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

ANTHEM

“10,000 Reasons”
Celebrate Band

Jonas Myrin/Matt Redman

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 18:15-17

SERMON

Will Our Faith Have Children?

Gary Eller

*HYMN

“These Treasured Children” (vs. 1-4)

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Written by Revs. Allen & Sara Ewing-Merrill, 2004

We believe in God, Creator of the universe, Giver of every good gift, Author of life itself.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us of the coming of God’s kingdom, who commanded us to care for those in need, who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth, and who gave us the example of self-giving love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God’s gifts, in whom we live and move and have our being, by whom all things are possible.

We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously, in a spirit of love and joy. We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God’s, caretakers of God’s home. We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship, a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly. We believe that God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive. Amen.

OFFERING

(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to PC (USA) Hunger Fund.)

OFFERTORY

“Here I Am to Worship”
Celebrate Band

Tim Hughes

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We offer you the gifts in the offering plate, and we offer you our lives of service. Accept these gifts and our lives, that we may all be your servants in the world. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” (vs. 1-3)

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*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*BLESSING RESPONSE “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” (vs. 5)

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POSTLUDE “The Heaven’s Declare” *Benedetto Marcello*
(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)

(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

We will have special visitors Mark Adams, Jocabed Gallegos and Carmen Sanchez from our mission partners on the US-Mexico Border: Frontera de Cristo and Café Justo

8:30 – Contemplative Taizé-Style Service with Communion

9:15 – Sunday School for children, youth, and adults

10:30 – Traditional Service with Children and Youth Choirs and
Mexican Folkloric Dance Troupe

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873

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October 20, 2019:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given by Les and JoAnn Seiler.

Today's service will be broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings and on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

For those living at Good Samaritan Village, today's service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

A copy of any Sunday service is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Jean in the office at 402-462-5147 or jean@fpchastings.org.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Joan Shaw at 402-460-8195 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Flowers are given in memory of Ruth and Hayes M. Fuhr by friends.

October Ushers (Team #2): Al Meyer – Captain, Duane Huber,
Steve Illingworth, Brian Johnson, Laurie Johnson,
Clyde Sachtleben, Carter Wenburg

Greeters Today: Justin & Kili Wenburg, Carter, and Selah Wenburg

Acolytes: Alexis Longshore, Norah Snell

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Leah Ratzlaff

FPC Prayers for:

	Zachary, Noble, Cale Henderson	Jane Horton
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Jim Cooke
Norm Giesler	Kaela Pumroy and Family	Joan Shaw and Family
Gretchen Lainson	Family of Keith Meyer (brother of Al Meyer)	Jim Hahne
Jim Harrenstein	Linda & Terry Hall and Family	Alden Talbert (Bill's Dad)
Darrel Lloyd	Family of Lee Kreager	Irina Erickson's Mom
Mary Jeanne Cooke	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	

Please let us know if you would like to be added to, or removed from, the prayer list by calling the church office at 402-462-5147.

October Communion Offering is the Peace & Global Witness Special Offering. A portion of the offering will benefit Hearts and Hands Against Hunger of Hastings.

Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Gary Eller is a theological educator in both seminary and university settings. For the past eleven years, he has been president of the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation in NE. He is an ordained Presbyterian Church (USA) minister with decades of experience in congregations along with governing body responsibility at the local, regional, and national level. Rev. Eller visits more than 30 churches a year and he said, "There is something special happening here at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings." Rev. Eller's sermon today is based on Luke 18:15-17. John Westerhoff's book *Will Our Children Have Faith?* is a classic running in the background of this sermon urging adults to make provision for the generations to come. Those provisions include both teaching the faith and living the faith and includes the stewardship of resources.

This Week at FPC --- October 21, 2019 – October 27, 2019

Mon, Oct 21	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in PEACE Center
	5:30p-6:30p	FPC Foundation Meeting in Anderson Room
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center
	6:30p-8:30p	Financial Peace University in the Parlor
	7:00p-9:00p	Scout Troop 200-Boys/Girls
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains
Tues, Oct 22	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:30p-4:00p	Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	7:00p-8:30p	Knit Wits in the Parlor
Wed, Oct 23	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	9:30a-10:10a	HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Mealtime <i>All are welcome!</i>
	6:20p-6:50p	WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Bells
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir
	6:50p-7:30p	WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Choir
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: Middle School (6th – 8th) Youth Group
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: High School (9th - 12th) Youth Group
Thurs, Oct 24	7:00a-8:00a	Retreat in the Real World in the Adult Ed Room
	4:30p-5:30p	Pooh Corner/FPC Liaison Meeting in Anderson
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scout Pack Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Fri, Oct 25	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
	4:00p-7:30p	Cooking with the Missionary's Fellowship Hall
Sat, Oct 26	8:00a-4:00p	Presbytery Meeting in the Sanctuary
	9:00a-4:00p	PW Fall Gathering in the Chapel
	10:00a-4:00p	Quilter's Paradise Sale , NW Classroom in the PEACE Center
Sun, Oct 27	8:30a-9:15a	Taizé Style Worship Service in the Chapel
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service

In Memory of

- ♥ Lee Kreager who passed away October 4, 2019 at Mary Lanning Healthcare, Hastings, NE. Services will be at a later date.



You are invited to help celebrate the 100th birthday of Virginia Malouf. There will be an Open House November 3, 1:30-3:30 at 1118 N. Kansas, Hastings NE. If you are unable to attend a card shower would be appreciated.



On October 27 we will have guests joining us for worship! Our Presbyterian mission worker from the US-Mexico Border, Mark Adams will be joining us along with Jocabed, the Mexican Coordinator of Frontera De Cristo and Carmina, a mission partner from Mexico who works with Café Justo. They will help lead worship at our 8:30 and 10:30 services and will join us for a potluck following the 10:30 service. Also, the Mexican folkloric dance troupe, Raices de mi Pueblo will be helping to lead at the 10:30 worship service.

If you would like to meet them and learn to cook authentic Mexican food, we will have an event in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 25 at 6pm. We will share recipes, cook, and eat a meal together. We hope you can join us!

Reformation Sunday Potluck October 27



In celebration of our guests from La Frontera de Cristo we'll be having a potluck on Sunday, Oct 27. That's next week! The main dish will be provided but we are asking folks bring a side to share. Being Presbyterians, this will be done decently and in order. If your last name begins with the letters A-M, please bring a fruit or dessert to share. If your last name begins with letters N-Z, please bring a salad or side dish to share. See you at lunch next week!



Church Women United says thank you to those who participated and donated to the Hastings CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 13, 2019.

This year's walk was a big success with beautiful weather for the walk. Local churches combined donations at the walk which will be given to Church World Service with 25% remaining here in Hastings to support Crossroads Mission.

Donations can still be left in the Church Office.

Church Women united Representatives of First Presbyterian Church are Jane Marsh, Jill Kramer, and Susie Graham. Thank you sincerely for supporting our First Presbyterian Church team.



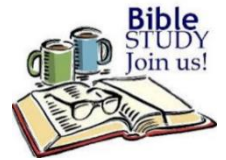
Soup Group for Women is Back and will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 12:00-1:00pm in the Library. Bring a sack lunch if you wish.



Adult Classes

Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School meets during the Sunday School hour in the Anderson Conference Room. The first study for the semester will be on Simon Peter. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

Bible @ Breakfast meets every Wednesday at 7 a.m. in the Parlor. Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh will be leading a study on the “Rise of the Apocalyptic Imagination.” There is no specific study book designated at this point.



Forum Adult Sunday School Class meets at 9:15am in the Adult Ed Classroom (next to the Church Office)



- ❖ Oct 27: *Ministry at the Border* – Mark Adams, Miriam Maldonado, and Carmina join us from Frontera de Cristo and Café Justo in Agua Prieta, Mexico to share about life and ministry on the U. S./Mexico border.
 - ❖ Nov 3: *Holy Land Trip Review*
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Knitters and Cricketers If you like to knit and/or crochet, join us for our knitting/crocheting *fellowship group*, the **Knit Wits**. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 7:00-8:00/8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Bring whatever project you're currently working on or stop in for pointers on how to get started. Join us for refreshments, fellowship, and fun!



First Presbyterian Church-Hastings has an “APP” for you! Our directory of names, contact information, and corresponding family photos is ready for you to create your login at <http://instantchurchdirectory.com>. You will use the email address from your 2018 listing to gain access because only members will be able to create a login and load an app on their phones.

Presbyterian Women



- ❖ Join us for the **PW Fall Gathering Saturday**, October 26 in the Chapel, at 9:00am-4:00pm. It is being held in conjunction with the Presbytery Meeting here in Hastings at our church.
- ❖ Don't forget to shop the **Quilter's Paradise Sale** in the NW Classroom in the PEACE Center on the same day. (Details found elsewhere in this bulletin.)
- ❖ The Presbyterian Women are once again making **School Kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as their Mission Project**. Please bring your donations to



the church this week as we will need everything by October 26th for the Fall Gathering.

Items to bring for each pack are listed below and can be left in the collection box located in the Memorial Room. (Anyone can donate.)

- ✓ One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only)
- ✓ Three 7-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- ✓ One 30- centimeter/12" ruler
- ✓ One hand-held pencil sharpener, removed from the package
- ✓ One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- ✓ Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers, removed from the package
- ✓ One box of 24 crayons (Only 24)



Food from the Heart

The women of our church have started a mission of giving to our friends and families. This mission is called Food from the Heart. Our plan is to get together on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at 2:00pm. We will prepare the food for casseroles to be placed in the church freezers. Everything will be ready to go when volunteers arrive. It would be nice to have 5-6 people help prepare the meals.

This idea came to me through the thoughtful foods gifted to use at a time of need. I thought this is something our church should do. Let's share our food and our hearts.

The finished casseroles in the freezer are for anyone to take and give away. Feel free to share with non-members also. We care about everyone, so enjoy.

To let Nancy know you are coming to help prepare the casseroles or if you have any questions, call or text Nancy Grams at 402-705-8179



Quilter's Paradise Sale

Zelma Fobben was an avid quilter who was always taking lessons and learning new techniques. She was one of the founders of the Hastings Quilters Guild and PW Quilters. When she moved to Lincoln, she left behind a large collection of beautiful fabrics, books, patterns, and unfinished quilting projects that the Fobben family has graciously donated to the PW Quilters.

These items will be offered for sale

PEACE Center on October 26

North West Classroom

10:00am until 4:00pm,

Proceeds going toward PW Missions

Donation Station Has Moved Looking to donate items to Hastings Food Pantry, Happy Nappies, Pine Ridge, Brooks' Bookshelf, and/or SASA? The Mission committee has moved the ongoing collection tubs for these projects into the fellowship hall. If you stop by to take a look, you'll find clearly marked bins with lists of the items for which these agencies are looking. Thank you for your continued support of these vital ministry partners.



September Special Attendance Recognition

Children who routinely attend Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live will get a chance at a worship leadership role. Each month, all children in preschool thru 8th grade with 100% Sunday School or Wednesday Night Live attendance will be entered into a drawing. One child will be chosen each month. The children will get a chance to extend their growth in faith to others by choosing to serve in one of the following worship roles:

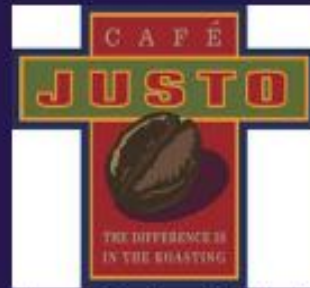
Acolyte (if under 4 th grade)	Usher	Music soloist
Call to Worship leader	Prayer leader	Children's Moment leader or helper

During the month of September, nine (9) children had 100% Sunday School attendance. Twenty-six (26) children had 100% Wednesday Night Live attendance. The child's name that was drawn for September's recognition was Moses Rhodes. Thanks be to God for our faithful attenders!



BEYOND BORDERS

Forum, Oct 27



And God said, "Let
there be Coffee!"

The US-Mexico Border: What's Really Going On?

Presbyterian Mission Co-Worker Mark Adams will join us to share insights on developing relationships beyond the boarder.

Joined by Jocabed Gallegos & Carmina Sanchez Cifuentes of the mission agency Frontera de Cristo, the group will share insights of life in on the boarder in Douglas, AZ and Agua Prieta, Mexico.

**Frontera
de
Cristo**

*That's a new interpretation.